

Remarks/Arguments

Reconsideration of this application is requested.

Claim Status

Claims 1-30 are pending. Claims 4-11, 15-20 and 24-27 are amended.

Allowed Claims

The allowance of claims 1-3, 12-14, 21-23 and 28-30 is noted and appreciated.

Claim Objections

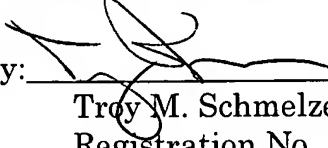
Claims 4-11, 15-20 and 24-27 are objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c) as being in improper form because a multiple dependent claim cannot depend from another multiple dependent claim. In response, claims 4-11, 15-20 and 24-27 are amended to remove all multiple dependencies. In particular, claims 4-11 are amended to depend from claim 1; claims 15-20 are amended to depend from claim 12; and claims 24-27 are amended to depend from claim 21. There being no further grounds of objection, claims 4-11, 15-20 and 24-27 are now in allowable form.

Conclusion

This application is now believed to be in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned to resolve any issues that remain after entry of this amendment. Any fees due with this response may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-1314.

Respectfully submitted,
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